

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 656 - HB 765**

March 26, 2007

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires bottled water sold in this state to indicate whether or not such bottles contain added chlorine. A violation of the provisions of this bill is punishable through civil penalties, private rights of action and as a Class C or Class B misdemeanor.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenues – Not Significant**  
**Increase State Expenditures - \$33,700 Recurring**  
**\$74,800 One-Time**

**Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant**  
**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant**

**Assumptions:**

- Any increase in state revenues from the collection of civil penalties will be not significant.
- The Department of Agriculture will need one part-time position to test bottled water in order to ensure that it is labeled correctly.
- A recurring increase in state expenditures for the salary and operational expenses of one inspector and to maintain laboratory equipment.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures to purchase specialized laboratory equipment.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenditures.
- Some increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenues from fees, taxes and costs collected. However, such increases will not be significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director